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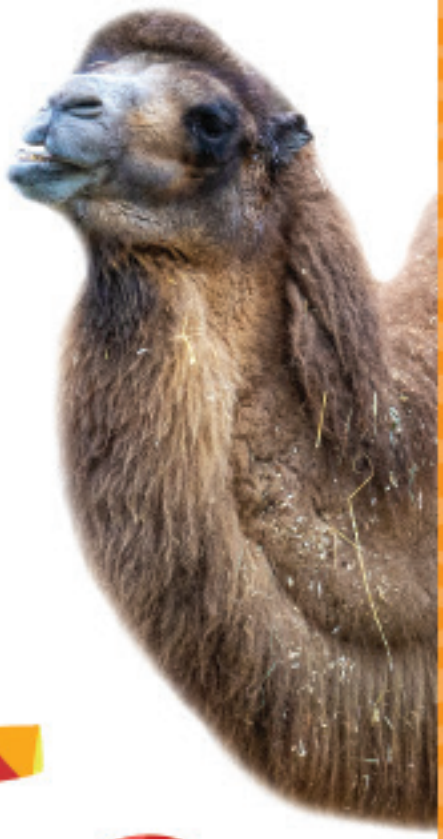


FALL ZOO CLASSES

2024

We know you're excited about our classes, and we want to make your child's educational experience rewarding. Please read and familiarize yourself with important information and policies on the last page.

STROLLER SAFARI

Age infant–2 with one adult | $20 Zoo Pass members $30 non-members

Stroll through the Zoo on these guided tours designed specifically for one-on-one learning time for you and your child! Programs feature songs, puppets, stories and more. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes, warm clothing and bringing your stroller along. *All classes begin in the atrium of the Conservation Education building. Tours take place outside rain or shine.*

HORNS, HOOVES & HUMPS

Let's stroll through the Zoo to find animals with horns, hooves and humps! Practice stomping your bongo hooves, pretend to "ride" the humps of the Bactrian camel and play "peek-a-boo" as you look for the oryxes' horns.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Oct. 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 17, 22, 25

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Oct. 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 17, 25

HANDS, FEET & SOMETIMES TAILS

Join us as we swing over to see the gorillas, orangutans and spider monkeys. Let's find out how these primates use their hands, feet, fingers & toes (and sometimes tails!) to eat, move and play. Sing a song to practice body part identification with your primate baby.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Oct. 31
Nov. 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Nov. 1, 8, 10, 14, 16, 17

BUMPY, SLIMY, SCALY

See bumpy alligators, slimy fish and scaly snakes as we venture through the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Explore the topic of textures with your little one as we learn songs, rhymes and sign language for these animals that you can practice at home.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Dec. 4, 5, 6, 10, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Dec. 6, 10, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22

"This is the best day ever!"
~ class participant

AGE 2

with one adult | $30 Zoo Pass members
$40 non-members

ZOO TRAIN!

Join us in our indoor/outdoor classroom to learn about trains. We'll explore a variety of shapes as we build a train costume. We'll practice our train sounds as we read a train book. Then we'll chug on over to ride the train around the Zoo together. All aboard! Choo! Choo!

8:45-9:45 a.m.

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29
Oct. 1, 3, 4

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Sept. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
Oct. 3, 4

TURTLES

Crawl into our pond classroom and immerse yourself in the world of turtles. Decorate your own turtle costume and practice hiding in your shell. Play a game with pretend turtles in our sand and water table. Afterward, we'll meet one of the Zoo's turtles!

8:45-9:45 a.m.

Nov. 20, 22, 23
Dec. 3, 8, 12, 14, 15

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Nov. 22, 23
Dec. 8, 13, 14, 15, 18

AGE 3

with one adult | $37 Zoo Pass members
$47 non-members

HANGIN' OUT WITH BATS

Swoop into our nighttime classroom to learn about bats. Use a flashlight to explore the bat cave, practice sleeping "upside down" and make a bat costume, complete with wings. Then we'll fly to the Small Mammals Building to watch these nocturnal mammals in action.

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Oct. 10, 11, 16, 18, 26, 27, 31

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Oct. 11, 26, 27, 31

FIN-TASTIC FISH

Here, fishy, fishy! Come to our underwater classroom to learn about our finned friends. Decorate a fish costume and pretend to swim through "water." We'll dart as a school of fish over to the Zoo's Aquatic & Reptile Center to see some fishy friends up close. It will be a swimmingly good time!

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Nov. 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 8, 9, 16, 17

APES & MONKEYS

Spy monkeys and apes among the tall trees in our rainforest classroom. Knuckle-walk like an ape or swing like a monkey in search of food. Make your own binoculars and use them to discover the difference between a monkey and an ape as we trek through the Primates of the World Building.

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Dec. 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 20, 22

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dec. 6, 8, 14, 22

AGES 4&5

child only or with one adult | $45 Zoo Pass members
$55 non-members

Sign up your child for a child-only class or attend with your child in a with adult class.

BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

Nocturnal animals have sharp senses. Can you smell as well as a bush baby, see as well as an owl or hear as well as a fennec fox? Put your senses to the test in our nighttime classroom before we creep over to see nocturnal animals at the Small Mammals Building.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Sept. 27, 28, 29	Sept. 27, 28, 29

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 Oct. 2, 6, 11, 13, 18	Oct. 6, 11, 13

ROCKIN' REPTILES

Awesome alligators, super snakes and terrific turtles — find out what makes these animals special! Turn into an alligator, create your own snake that "sheds" and build an alligator nest. Then slither over to the Aquatic & Reptile Center to see these creatures in action.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Nov. 15, 16, 17	Nov. 15, 16

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Oct. 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 Nov. 1, 3, 7, 9, 10	Oct. 27 Nov. 3, 10

CARIBOU TREK

How are caribou and reindeer the same and different? Explore our classroom tundra to learn about antlers that shed and hooves that click. Then join the herd as we migrate into the Zoo for an up-close look at these fascinating animals. *Parent or Guardian note: Shhhh... We'll have a special surprise visit from Santa or Mrs. Claus.*

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15	Dec. 13, 14, 15

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.	1-3:15 p.m.
Nov. 21, 22, 23, 24 Dec. 4, 6, 8, 19, 20, 21	Nov. 22, 23, 24 Dec. 6, 8, 20, 21

AGES 6&7 AND 8&9

child only | $45 Zoo Pass members
$55 non-members

BEAR COUNTRY

Bear with us as we journey into the captivating world of bears! Learn which kind of bear has an 8-inch tongue and which is missing its two front teeth as we visit the Zoo's bears and learn about others from around the world! Discover how our grizzly bear family came to the Zoo — and what to do if you come across one in the wild. Don't miss this beary exciting adventure.

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Oct. 6, 12, 27

1–3:30 p.m.

Oct. 6, 12, 26

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Oct. 13, 26

1–3:30 p.m.

Oct. 13, 27

ART IN ACTION: FISH IN THE OCEAN

Artists assemble! We have an important job to do! After learning about really cool fish that call the ocean home, we will tour the Aquatic & Reptile Center to catch some of these fish in action. Then, we will use our knowledge to create art that inspires others to protect these amazing aquatic animals!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Nov. 3, 9, 24

1–3:30 p.m.

Nov. 3, 10, 16, 24

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Nov. 10, 23

1–3:30 p.m.

Nov. 9, 23

POLAR EXPEDITION

Daring adventurers, get ready to explore the coldest, driest and windiest place on Earth! Discover how animals survive in the icy desert we call Antarctica – without any jackets, hats or gloves! Don't be left out in the cold!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Dec. 8, 14, 21, 22

1–3:30 p.m.

Dec. 8, 15, 22

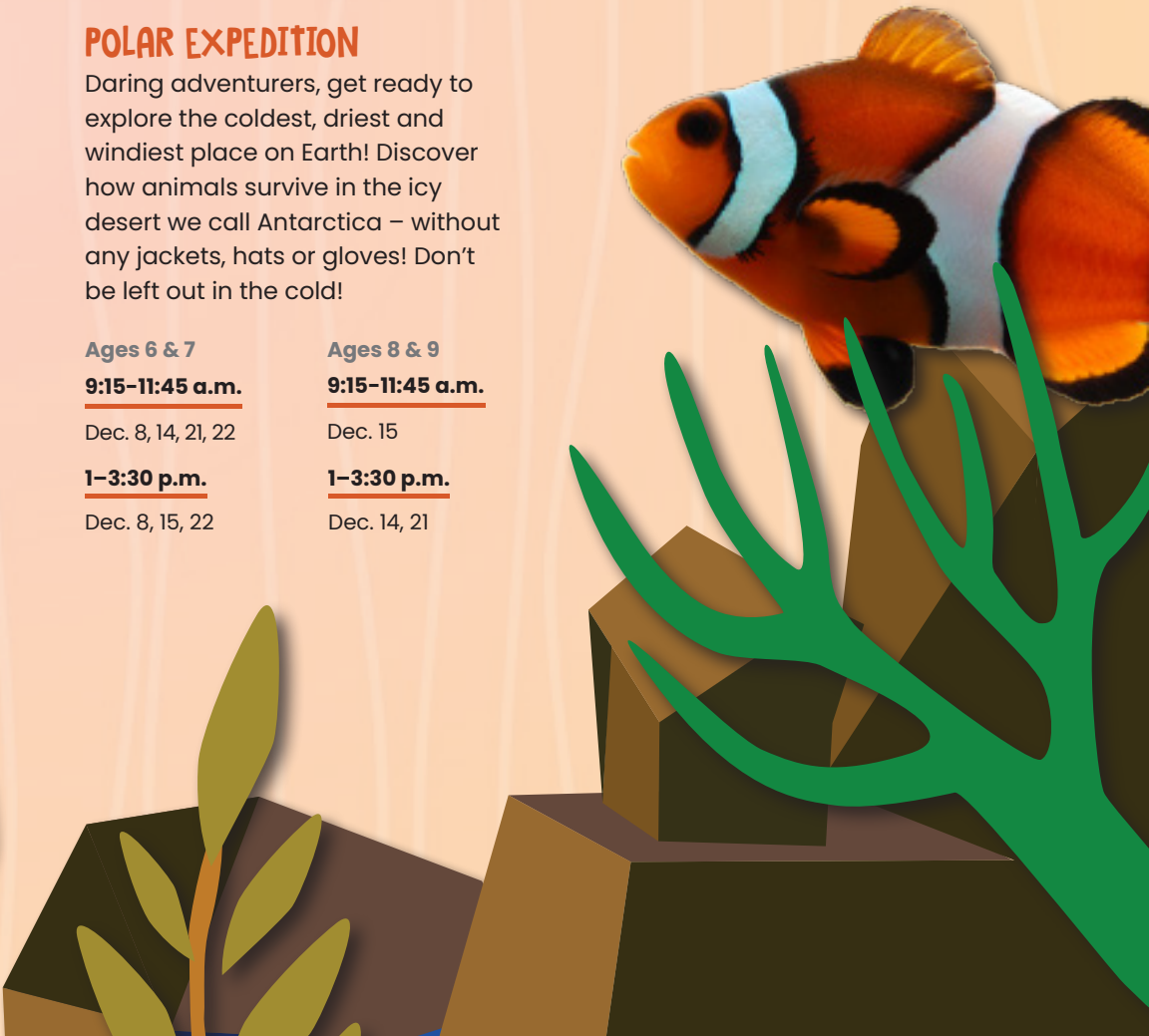
Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Dec. 15

1–3:30 p.m.

Dec. 14, 21



ATTENTION HOMELEARNERS!

AGES 6–10

child only | $100 Zoo Pass members
$120 non-members

JOIN OWLS: OBSERVANT WILD LEARNER SQUAD!

Become a wild learner in our four-week-long, once-a-week series. Classes will develop curiosity, create empathy and encourage healthy social skills. With the same students each week, we'll build community as we explore and learn together.

ROARING CAREERS!

Join us for Roaring Careers where you'll discover the amazing jobs people do at the Zoo! From taking care of animals to teaching others about them, there's so much to explore. Meet real zoo workers, go behind the scenes and find out what it takes to have a wild job helping animals every day!
Choose the AM or PM session.

10–11:30 a.m.
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31

1–2:30 p.m.
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31

REPTILE RENDEZVOUS

Welcome to Reptile Rendezvous! Get ready for an amazing adventure into the world of reptiles! In this class, we'll meet slithery snakes, cool lizards and more. We'll learn about their superpowers, like how they crawl, climb and camouflage. Join us for a wild and wonderful journey into the exciting world of reptiles!
Choose the AM or PM session.

10–11:30 a.m.
Nov. 14, 21
Dec. 5, 12

1–2:30 p.m.
Nov. 14, 21
Dec. 5, 12

AGE 10–14

child only | $45 Zoo Pass members
$55 non-members

JUST THE TWO OF US: A STORY OF SYMBIOSIS

You may not make it if I'm a parasite, but if we're commensal we won't fight. Just the two of us — it's symbiosis! In this class learn about the unique relationships some animals have with each other in order to live!

9:15–11:45 a.m.
Sept. 28
Oct. 26

MYSTERIES OF ARCHAEOPTERYX

Help dig up the past as we solve the mystery about one of the MOST famous fossils: Archaeopteryx. Solve the clues to help scientists finally decide if it's a bird or a reptile. Explore the Zoo to examine clues that can guide us to the answer!

9:15–11:45 a.m.
Nov. 9
Dec. 21

FAMILY CLASS

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of this class is intended for children ages 3-14. Minimum of two registrants required and must include one adult (18 years or older) and one child. Children under the age of 1 are free to attend and do not need to be registered.

all ages | $20 Zoo Pass members
$30 non-members

MONSTER HUNTERS

Slimy, stinky, snotty, scary – animals can be monstrous and terrifying when they want to be. Let's dive into the world of monsters, venture into the Zoo and learn what adaptations make animals scary and conquer our fear of the unknown! We'll change icky to awesome and terrifying to terrific!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 29
Oct. 12

1-3:15 p.m.

Sept. 28, 29
Oct. 12, 26

WHO GLOWS THERE?

Have you ever chased a firefly on a summer night? Fireflies aren't the only creatures that glow. There are other creatures that light up the forest and ocean. These lights come from bioluminescent (or glowing) creatures! Be enlightened as you investigate why some animals glow. Discover how these creatures glow and create a radiant creature of your own. Don't miss this illuminating class!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 16
Dec. 22

1-3:15 p.m.

Nov. 9, 16
Dec 21, 22

Try out a 1 -hour Family Class as part of your Zoo Day!

all ages | $15 Zoo Pass members
$25 non-members

HOW A ZOO BECOMES A HOME

How do certain animals end up in zoos? Why do genetics matter in conservation? How can people in Milwaukee support global conservation and reduce conflict between humans and wildlife? Learn about Pat, a jaguar from Belize, and how his story can help us answer these questions.

In English

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Nov. 24

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Nov. 24

CÓMO UN ZOOLÓGICO SE CONVIERTE EN UN HOGAR

¿Cómo terminan ciertos animales en los zoológicos? ¿Por qué la genética es importante en la conservación?¿Cómo puede la gente de Milwaukee apoyar la conservación global y reducir los conflictos entre los humanos y la vida salvaje? Conozca a Pat, un jaguar de Belize, y cómo su historia puede ayudarnos a responder estas preguntas.

1-2:00 p.m.

Nov. 24

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Nov. 24

Register Online

Zoosociety.org/fall

Member online registration begins July 17 at 9 a.m.
Non-member registration begins July 24 at 9 a.m.

Financial Aid available to those who qualify

Check our FAQ by scanning the QR Code!

Call our staff with questions or concerns at 414-258-5058.

PLEASE READ!

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES

- Participants must be the appropriate age for a given class and no unregistered children may attend (including siblings). Exceptions on age are only made for children with special needs (please call Education prior to registration).
- If your child is attending a child-only class, an adult (18 years or older) must check the child in and provide the following information: emergency phone number, allergies/medications and names of adults authorized for pickup.
- Only authorized adults with valid identification may pick up children.
- In addition, please do not meet or follow your child's group into the Zoo, as this is a distraction to the educational experience.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary greatly. Please plan to arrive early and check your confirmation email for entry instructions. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

CANCELLATIONS & REIMBURSEMENT

You Cancel – If you're unable to attend class, call at least 3 days before the class date and we will try to reschedule your child for another available date this season. We do not issue refunds; however, you can offer your child's class to a friend of the same age.

We Cancel – The Conservation Education Department reserves the right to cancel classes. We will attempt to reschedule, accommodate your child in another class, or process a reimbursement. For weather-related cancellations, refer to local news stations or **414-258-5058**.

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